The plans to fill up these posts with a view to improve the standard of education include:

(i) Introduction of written examination on All India basis and interviews to select best quality candidates to be recruited as teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(ii) Continuous in service training to improve the subject-matter knowledge of the teachers.

Arising of vacancies and their filling up is a continuous process. Till the time, the regular incumbents are appointed, the vacant posts are filled up through contractual appointments so that the studies of children do not suffer for want of teachers.

Reservation for disabled employees in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

2200. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of reservation for the disabled employees in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS);

(b) how many disabled employees got promotion during the last five years; and

(c) how many vacancies are presently available to which the existing disabled employees can get opportunity for promotion?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan follow the reservation policy of the Government of India both for direct recruitment and promotion.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected.

Age for admission in Class XI of Kendriya Vidyalayas

2201. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central schools managed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development have issued a circular that students who have not completed 15 years by 31st March, 2001

would not be allowed to take admission in the XI class of Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The circular referred to in the question has been issued to ensure that the age of students seeking admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas from outside Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan System should have the minimum age as fixed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for each class.

Burden of educational syllabus

† 2202. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that burden of educational syllabus on the school going children is increasing continuously;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any effective measures to decrease this burden of educational syllabus;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Government has been receiving recommendations from various committees from time to time for reducing the academic burden on school children. The State Governments also broadly expressed their agreement on these recommendations. The Government have written to the State Governments/Union Territories from time to time for expeditious implementation of the recommendations. The implementation of these recommendations has been initiated by most States and Central Agencies. The New National Curriculum Framework for School Education brought out by NCERT recently emphasises reduction of curriculum load at all levels. This has been circulated to all State

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.